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SUBJECT: ASSISTANT SECRETARY ATHERTON'S REMARKS TO PRESS AFTER
MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER BEGIN

1. AFTER ONE AND A HALF HOUR MEETING THIS MORNING WITH PRIME
MINISTER BEGIN, FOREIGN MINISTER DAYAN, AND DEFENSE MINISTER
WEISMAN, ASSISTANT SECRETARY ATHERTON ANSWERED QUESTIONS FROM
ASSEMBLED MEDIA. IN RESPONSES, ATHERTON SAID THAT HE EXPECTED
TO GO CAIRO "EARLY NEXT WEEK" IN CONTINUING EFFORTS TO HELP
THE PARTIES RESUME THE PEACE PROCESS. HE SAID HE NOW HAD A
"VERY GOOD UNDERSTANDING" OF ISRAELI VIEWS ON THE DECLARATION OF
PRINCIPLES WHICH HE WOULD CONVEY TO THE EGYPTIAN AUTHORITIES.
AT ANOTHER POINT, ATHERTON AGREED THAT "PROGRESS" HAD BEEN
MADE, SAYING THAT "AS A RESULT OF THESE TALKS, WE HAVE HELPED
MOVE MATTERS FORWARD - AT LEAST A BIT." HE SAID IT WAS
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"PREMATURE" TO REACH ANY JUDGEMENT ABOUT THE POLITICAL
COMMITTEE'S RESUMING ITS DELIBERATIONS. IN FOLLOW-UP
QUESTIONING ABOUT THE TALKS HERE, ATHERTON SAID HE WOULD
NOT GO INTO DETAILS, THAT THESE TALKS WERE "VERY USEFUL,"
BUT THAT PART OF THAT USEFULNESS IS MAINTAINING THE
QUIET DIPLOMACY WE ARE TRYING TO CONDUCT. FULL TRANSCRIPT
BEING SENT SEPTTEL.

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